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BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE COMPRESSION SYSTEM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated May 16, 2000, wherein the Examiner rejected claims 1-12, and 14, all of the pending claims. Reconsideration of this rejection in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-12 and 14 as being anticipated by Kiriyama. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection on the grounds that Kiriyama does not derive a second bit rate as a percentage of the first bit rate, which percentage changes inversely in relation to changes in the first bit rate in order to transmit the output data signal to a decoder buffer at the second bit rate.